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REMARKS

With this amendment, Claims 1-7 and 9-10 are pending in the present application. Claims 8 and 11-20 are canceled and Claim 1 has been amended. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-captioned application.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to Claim 1 because of certain informalities. Specifically, the Examiner requested that Applicant replace the term "conductive" in Claim 1, step (viii) with the term -- platinum -- to match the "platinum" precursor gas in steps (ii) and (vii). Pursuant to the Examiner's request, the Applicant has amended Claim 1 accordingly.

Double Patenting


The Examiner also rejected Claims 1-7, 9 and 10 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,576,538. To overcome this rejection, Applicant is submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 (c). Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims of the present application are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. Should there be any impediment to the prompt allowance of this application that could be resolved through a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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